



Please note that school closes on Friday 19th October at 3pm for the autumn break and children return to school on Tuesday 30th October as we have an Inset Day on Monday 29th October.

### *Headteacher's Message*

Mrs Wall has informed me that it was lovely to see so many families at our Harvest Festival Assembly this morning and she was very proud of the children's performance and they all behaved and sang wonderfully.

If you took any photographs or videos, please could we ask that you do not share them on social media. Thank you.

Thank you for your generous donations to the Foodbank. The gentleman who collected our donations was delighted by how much we had collected.

Thank you also to everyone who attended our PTA AGM last week. We are delighted to tell you that they have agreed to fund further outdoor playtime equipment, wet play equipment, subscriptions to various comics, reading books, extra money towards our new playground train and a fund for each class to buy what they need.

A big thank you to last years PTA team. The report from the AGM was very impressive and I am sure with everyone's help we will have another very successful fundraising year with the PTA.

*Have a nice weekend.*

*Mrs Cawson, Headteacher*

### *Fast Museum Trip*

Our Year One children will be going to the Fast Museum on Tuesday 13th November. Diamond Class will be going in the morning, Ruby in the afternoon.

In order for the trip to go ahead we will need DBS checked parents to accompany us. If you are able to help on the trip, please speak to Mrs Thorn or Mrs Sanders in the school office.

A letter with full details will be sent home in book bags shortly.

### *School Lunches*

Week commencing 15th October we will be on Week 3 of the dinner menu.

### *Newsletter*

Please note that our newsletter is issued fortnightly. Our next edition will be issued on 2 November. Copies of our newsletter can be found on our website: [www.walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.walsh-memorial.surrey.sch.uk).

### *Book Saving Scheme*

We are re-opening the Book Savings Club to encourage children to start to have good saving habits and to be more money aware. We hope to help them learn that saving little amounts adds up.

If your child wants to join the savings club you must simply:

1. Pop some pennies in an envelope
2. Put your child's name, class and 'Book Club' on the envelope
3. Ask your child to hand it into the school office or place it in the school post box in reception.

You can pay into the scheme as often as you wish.

If your child joins the scheme they will be able to come along to the wonderful book sales we put on through the year.

Our next book sale will be from 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> November as the Travelling Book Fair will be coming into school.

All children who have saved money in the scheme will be invited to take a look at the books during one of these days. There are some books on offer which are wonderful bargains but a majority start at around £5.99.

If any parents are free to help run the Fair please let the school office know.

### *Meal Choices*

Please return your child's meal choices form for next term by **Monday 15th October**, if you have not already done so. Thank you for your co-operation.

## *Class Reps*

We are looking for Class Reps for each of our classes. It is not an arduous job and it can be very rewarding. It will involve organising class cake sales, social events, tug-of-war teams etc. If you are interested in the role, please let Mrs Thorn or Mandi Law (PTA Chair) know. Thank you.

## *Year One Phonics Workshop*

On Wednesday 17th October, parents of Year One children are invited to a Moving On In Phonics Workshop at school at 2.30pm. Please come to reception at this time if you would like to join us.

Pre-school children are able to attend if their parent is unable to secure a baby-sitter.

This workshop aims to explain how your child will be progressing in phonics and how you can support your child at home.

## *RM Maths—80 Minute Challenge for October*

Our RM Easimaths September challenge was a great success and many children have received their dice game and a pair of dice. It is never too late to start!

Please do keep encouraging your child to use this maths learning tool as often as possible. Ideally we would like children to access RM Maths at least twice a week in order to receive maximum benefit from it—the more your child does, the harder it gets.

At the end of October we will be seeing who has been on RM Maths at least once a week (around 80 minutes) and they will be rewarded with their next maths tool.

Year R children will be issued with log on details in due course.

## *Parent Interviews*

On Monday 5th November (early slots) and on Wednesday 14th November (evening slots) you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher to discuss your child's progress in school.

Sign up sheets will be put out in the playground on **Monday 15th October from 8.40am** for you to make an appointment to see your child's teacher.

If you are not dropping your child off at school that morning and you would like to make an appointment, please call the school after 10am on 15th October on 01252 321426 or come to the office where the sign up sheets will be available.

## *Individual School Photos*

On **Monday 5th November** our school photographer will be coming into school to take individual photos of the children for you to purchase if you wish.

We will be opening the school at 8.00am for any parents who would like to have a family portrait taken or a photo of their infant and junior school children together. If you would like a family photo, please come to our reception area at 8.00am. You may need to queue for a short while.

Children who have siblings in our school will be photographed together and individually during normal school hours.

## *P.E. Kits*

P.E. kits will be sent home on the last day of term ready to be washed over the holidays. Please could you ensure that your child comes to school with their clean, named P.E. kit on the first day back after the holiday as P.E. lessons commence straight away.

Please also ensure that your child's P.E. kit contains comfortably fitting plimsolls or trainers as P.E. will continue to take place outside during milder weather.

It would also be useful for any girls who wear tights to keep a pair of socks in their PE bag.

## *Year One Autumn Day*

On **Thursday 1st November**, our Year One children will be celebrating Autumn. On this day they are welcome to come into school dressed in coloured clothes that they believe best represent autumn, such as reds, oranges and browns.

All of the learning on this day will be centred around Autumn and is one of four days that help the children learn about the different seasons.

No Halloween costumes please and children should wear clothes that are suitable for a normal school day. If your child does not want to wear autumnal clothing, please could they wear their normal school uniform. Thank you.

## *Flu Vaccinations*

On 12th November our School Nursing Team are coming into school to administer the flu vaccination, in the form of a nasal spray, to all of our children who have returned a signed consent form.

Flu vaccination consent forms have been sent home in book bags but there are still a large number that are outstanding. Please can you complete and return it before **Monday 15th October**, even if you do not give consent for your child to have the vaccination.

Please ensure that the form is completed fully and signed, otherwise they may not be able to administer it on the day.

## Easyfundraising

Please help us to collect FREE donations for **Walsh Memorial Infant School** when you shop online with *thousands* of retailers!



Simply go on-line to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and search for Walsh Memorial Infant School PTA and sign up! Then every time you want to place an order on-line, go on-line to [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk), choose your retailer, click through to their website then place your order. The school will then receive a percentage of the order value. It is easy money and it costs you nothing! Every penny we raise goes towards buying new equipment for our children.



## Facebook

Did you know that we have a PTA Facebook page? Please visit Walsh Memorial CE Infants' School PTA and ask to join.

This page has been predominantly set up for the school and PTA to issue reminders and make requests. It is a great forum for you to ask questions of other parents.

Please do not use this page to tag members of staff, messenger them or ask questions of the school, please use the official school communications route only.

If you were on the Walsh Memorial 2018 Intake page, please request to join the main page if you have not already done so.

We are aware that there are class pages but they are nothing to do with the school.

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# Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Time
	<b>Autumn Term 1</b>	
17th October	Year One Phonics Workshop	2.30pm
1st November	Year One Autumn Celebration Day	
5th November	Individual School Photos	
5th November	Early Parents Evening	3.30pm-6.00pm
12th November	Flu vaccinations for those with signed consent forms	
12th-14th November	Travelling Book Fair in school	
13th November	Year One visit to the Fast Museum (more details to follow)	
14th November	Late Parents Evening	6.00pm-8.20pm
21st November	On-line Safety Workshop (more information to follow)	
30th November	PTA Movie Night (more information to follow)	
19th December	School Christmas Dinner (more information to follow)	

## **2018/2019 Inset Days (School closed to children)**

Monday 29th October

Friday 4th January 2019

Monday 3rd June

## **Christmas Holidays 2018**

*Please note that we break up a day later than the Surrey published dates for the Christmas break. We break up on 20th, not 19th December, but this means that children do not come back to school until Monday 7th January.*